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**Food Assistance and
Nutrition Research
Program**

2001 Small Grants Conference

Welcome to the Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program's **2001 Small Grants Conference**, brought to you by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS). In the next two days, small grant recipients will present the results of their research on a wide variety of food assistance and nutrition topics. We look forward to learning from all participants about important results, innovative methods, and possible topics for future research.

ERS created the Small Grants Program in 1998 to stimulate new research on food assistance and nutrition issues affecting low-income households in the United States. The program seeks to broaden the participation of social science scholars in this research and to inform and facilitate public debate on food assistance and nutrition policy.

The research findings that will be presented during the conference include: measuring hunger in the United States, the economic and dietary effects of nutrition education programs, food and housing assistance interactions, the effect of WIC on breastfeeding, the impact of food assistance on Native American communities, and iron deficiency in young children. We hope this conference will encourage grant recipients to continue and to expand their research, and inspire others to propose new studies in this important area of public social policy.

Thursday, October 11

7:30 am Refreshments

8:00 am Welcome
Susan Offutt
Administrator, USDA Economic Research Service

Joseph Jen
USDA Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics

8:30 am Session 1: Food Insecurity and Hunger

Moderator: John Karl Scholz, Director, Institute for Research on Poverty

Monitoring Changes in Food Security Among Single Mothers

Christopher Jencks and Scott Winship, Harvard University

Discussant: Sandra Hofferth, University of Maryland

How Should We Measure Hunger?

Jayanta Bhattacharya and Steven Haider, RAND, Santa Monica, CA

Discussant: Mark Nord, USDA Economic Research Service

Validation of Food Security Instruments in Hispanic Households

Lucia Kaiser and Hugo Melgar-Quiñonez, University of California at Davis

Discussant: Mark Nord, USDA Economic Research Service

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Session 1, continued

A Structural Model of the Relationships of Food Insufficiency to Disease Risk and Outcomes among Adults from NHANES III

Carol Lawson Connell, Kathy Yadrick, and J.T. Johnson, The University of Southern Mississippi, and L. Joseph Su, Louisiana State University Medical Center

Discussant: Jay Variyam, USDA Economic Research Service

Measuring Food Insecurity and Hunger and its Effect on Health Among Participants in the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP) in Tennessee

Betty Greer, University of Tennessee
Discussant: Kathy Radimer, National Center for Health Statistics

11:40 am Session 2: Food Assistance Program Participation

Moderator: Lionel J. "Bo" Beaulieu, Director, Southern Rural Development Center

Food Stamp Dynamics Across Rural and Urban Landscapes in the Era of Welfare Reform

Domenico Parisi and Duane A. Gill, Mississippi State University

Discussant: Chris Kissmer, USDA Food and Nutrition Service

12:15 pm Lunch at ERS

1:15 pm Session 2, continued

A County-Level Analysis of Food Stamp Caseload Changes in Tennessee

Dr. Fisseha Tegegne, Tennessee State University, CARP

Discussant: Margaret Andrews, USDA Economic Research Service

Interactions of Food Stamps and Housing Assistance

Joseph Harkness and Sandra Newman, Johns Hopkins University

Discussant: Jennifer Stoloff, US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Access to and Use of Non-Profit Food Assistance Programs by Vulnerable Populations in Selected Urban-Rural Areas in the South

Robert Zabawa and Nyanza Duplessis, Tuskegee University; Earline Strickland, Alcorn State University; Odili Onianwa, Alabama A & M University; Mabel Dianna Edlow, Florida A & M University; Edith Hyman, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff; and Fisseha Tegegne, Tennessee State University

Discussant: Jim Ohls, Mathematica Policy Research

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Session 2, continued

Program Agenda

The Impact of Food Assistance Programs on the Tohono O'odham Food System: An Analysis and Recommendations

Richard Duran, Tohono O'odham Community College, and Tristan Reader and Daniel Lopez, Tohono O'odham Community Action

Discussant: Elise Golan, USDA Economic Research Service

3:50 pm Session 3: Welfare Reform

Moderator: Greg Duncan, Director, Joint Center for Poverty Research

The Impact of Food Assistance Programs on American Indian Reservations

Michele Smith, Whirling Thunder Wellness Program, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and Sharon Frenchman, Little Priest Tribal College

Discussant: Craig Gundersen, USDA Economic Research Service

Assessing Food Security and Related Welfare Reform Outcomes in Two Southern States

Pamela A. Monroe and Carol E. O'Neil, Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, and Janet Marsh, Clemson University and the South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station

Discussant: Joanne Guthrie, USDA Economic Research Service

5:00 pm Adjourn, Director's Meeting

Friday, October 12

7:30 am Refreshments

7:50 am Welcome

Betsey Kuhn
Director, ERS Food and Rural Economics Division

8:00 am Session 4: Nutrition Education

Moderator: Lucia Kaiser, Department of Nutrition, University of California, Davis

Practices Used by Limited Resource Audiences to Maintain Food

Sufficiency: A Comparison of Target Audience and Nutrition Educator Responses

Debra Palmer-Keenan, Rutgers University

Discussant: Salei'a Afele-Fa'amuli, National Program Leader for Health and Nutrition, USDA CSREES

Evaluation of the "Spend Less, Eat Well, Feel Better" Project

Joda Derrickson, Kaneohe, Hawaii

Discussant: Elaine McLaughlin, USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Economic Evaluation of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP) in New York State

Donald Kenkel and Jamie Dollahite, Cornell University

Discussant: Wells Willis, National Program Leader, EFNEP

9:45 am Break

10:00 am Session 5: Food Assistance and Nutrition

Moderator: Jay Stauss, Director, American Indian Studies Program, University of Arizona

Measuring the Impact of WIC Participation on the Initiation and Duration of Breastfeeding

Pinka Chatterji and Karen Bonuck, Montefiore Medical Center, New York

Discussant: Elizabeth Fussell Racine, USDA Economic Research Service

The Effects of Food Stamp and WIC Programs on Food and Nutrient Intakes

Steven T. Yen, University of Nevada

Discussant: Parke Wilde, USDA Economic Research Service

The Effects of Food Assistance on Nutrition and Food Security Among the Northern Cheyenne

Judith Davis, Chief Dull Knife College, and Carol Ward, Brigham Young University

Discussant: Laura Tiehen, USDA Economic Research Service

11:45 am Lunch at ERS

12:45 pm Session 5, continued

Etiology of Iron Deficiency and Iron Deficiency Anemia among Children Aged 12-36 Months

Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr, University of California at Davis, and Mary Lavender Fujii, UC Cooperative Extension

Discussant: Essie Yamini, USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

Monitoring the Nutritional Status of Navajo Preschoolers

Mark Bauer, Diné College

Discussant: Andrea Carlson, USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

1:55 pm Break

2:10 pm Session 6: Food Assistance and Health

Moderator: David Smallwood, Deputy Director for Food Assistance Research, USDA Economic Research Service

Food Stamp Program Participation and Obesity Estimates from the NLSY79

Diane Gibson, Baruch College, City University of New York

Discussant: Peter Basiotis, USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

Moderating the Effects of Food Insecurity on Child Outcomes: The Role of Food Assistance Programs

Lori Kowaleski-Jones, University of Utah, and Rachel Dunifon and Mary Corcoran, University of Michigan

Discussant: Nader Kabbani, USDA Economic Research Service

3:20 pm Closing Remarks

Laura Tiehen, USDA
Economic Research Service



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★ **American Indian Studies Program,
University of Arizona**
Focus: *The relationship between food assistance programs on reservations and family poverty.*
Director: Jay Stauss

★ **Southern Rural Development Center,
Mississippi State University**
Focus: *Food assistance research issues for rural people, families, and communities in the South.*
Director: Lionel J. "Bo" Beaulieu

★ **Joint Center for Poverty Research, University
of Chicago and Northwestern University**
Focus: *Interactions between food assistance and other welfare programs, and the effects of the macroeconomy on the need for food assistance, level of participation, and food assistance program costs.*
Director: Greg Duncan

★ **Institute for Research on Poverty,
University of Wisconsin**
Focus: *The effects of food assistance programs on food security, income security, and other indicators of well-being among low-income individuals and families.*
Director: John Karl Scholz

★ **Department of Nutrition at the University
of California, Davis**
Focus: *The impact of food assistance programs on nutritional risk indicators (anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, and dietary), food purchasing practices, and food insecurity.*
Director: Lucia Kaiser

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